GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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MEDIA COMMISSION
Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Press Council of India has urged the Union Government to set up a common and independent media commission to regulate the functioning of the entire media;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the commission; and

(c) the time by when the said commission is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chairman, Press Council of India, requested the Government vide his letter dated 20th September 2006 for establishment of a common authority for content regulation of the media and preservation of its freedom by extending the jurisdiction of Press Council over electronic as well as print media and renaming it MEDIA MONITORING COMMISSION OF INDIA.

(c) The request was examined but it was not found possible to accede to the proposal.